

6.—*General Catalogue of South African Crustacea* (Part V. of S.A. Crustacea, for the Marine Investigations in South Africa)*.—By the Rev. THOMAS R. R. STEBBING, M.A., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.Z.S., Fellow of King's College, London, Hon. Memb. New Zealand Inst., Hon. Fellow Worcester College, Oxford.

THE first part of this treatise on the crustacean fauna of South Africa was published ten years ago. A systematic review of the subject was then and has since been deferred, in order that important additions to our knowledge of it, resulting from recent researches, might be more or less adequately dealt with. In the meantime the extensive collections made by Dr. Gilchrist, during the *Pieter Faure* expeditions, together with material provided by Dr. Péringuey and several other naturalists, have so greatly enlarged the task of description, that any methodical survey has run a chance of being indefinitely postponed. Over and over again, in drawing up this present Catalogue, I have felt that it may be misleading, should any one hastily infer from it that such and such tribes or families are scantily represented, or that this or that genus has no species, in South African waters. Almost at every point I have been tempted to linger over the illustration and definition of new species, or the discussion of forms not hitherto recorded from the district. As will be seen, the temptation has sometimes been too strong to be overcome. Thus a crab so long known as *Hexapus sexpes* (Fabricius) has been drawn and quartered afresh; a new crab has been described and figured as *Nasinatalis disjunctipes* in the tribe Oxystomata; further, the plates claim to exhibit a new Pagurid, a new Isopod, two new Caprellids, and two new species of Sympoda, one of them suggesting the institution of a new genus and a new family. Obviously, however, most of the Catalogue deals with names already

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